(b) DDK Jalpaiguri has produced the following number of Programmes.

Year	Programmes
2000	
2001	44
2002	76

(c) DDK Jalpaiguri covers the districts of Cooch Behar, Jalpaiguri, Darjeeling, Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur and Malda for programme production. Programmes produced ensure participation of upcoming and promising artists. Programmes from remote tribal areas are also given emphasis. -

Plight of newspapers industry

1176. SHRIMATIS. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Newspaper Society has stated that newspapers industry Is suffering due to policies of Government; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to correct the anamolies in the policies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting have been receiving representations from the Indian Newspaper Society (INS) from time to time highlighting certain issues of concern to the newspapers industry and the demands raised by the INS have been examined in the Ministry on merit.

Advertisement revenue of DD

1177. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while the advertisement revenue of Doordarshan has gone down by 12 per cent, whereas private TV channels registered increase of 43 per cent during 2002;